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Joe Galeczka - Polonia N.S.

Joseph Galeczka was born a few months before the outbreak of World War II in Gliwice, Silesia, traditionally the nursery of Polish soccer.

At 15, "Synek" (Sonny boy) as he is affectionately called by his fans, joined PIAST, a Third Division club, and played a season in the junior team.

A year later, in 1956, he was promoted to the first team and helped his side win the competition outright, which meant promotion to Second Division.

In 1957 he gained selection in the National junior

team and played nine matches in all, (the team registered some good wins — v. Hungary 2:0, v. Turkey 2:1, v. Bulgaria 2:1).

A year later, he was picked for Poland's Under 23 team and retained the position until his departure for Australia in 1960.

Since 1958 several First Division clubs tried to sign Geleczka, but, to his disapointment, the club would not release him.

This was one of the reasons for his decision to come to Australia.

Joe Galeczka is a "born" footballer, with amazing ball control, body swerve, burst of speed, good shot and positional play — a complete soccer player.

Experts rate him as the best centre-forward in Sydney at present.

A prolific, but not selfish, goalscorer, Joe has scored 13 goals in trial matches this season.

Galeczka, a gentleman on and off the field, has yet to have a free kick awarded against him in Australia.

Ever since his arrival midway through the 1960 season, he has delighted with amazing football and irreproachable conduct.

Fans are in for a treat when he takes the field in his first Ampol match next Friday.

NIGHT TO REMEMBER

TOP DRAWCARDS BILLED TOGETHER

Next Friday night, March 24 should be a night to remember as the Ampol Cup series will "move in" to the Sydney Sports Ground.

This has become necessary because four of Sydney's top drawcards will clash on the same night in the quarter-finals.

The Federation has booked the Sports Ground to cater for the very large crowd expected.

With APIA-Leichhardt, Hakoah, Pan Hellenic and Polonia North Side appearing, the Australian night soccer club attendance record should be smashed.

Sydney holds the Australian night soccer record with 11,048 at the 1959 Prague — Auburn Ampol Final.

Next Friday night Hakoah play Pan Hellenic and APIA meets Polonia North Side in the quarter finals.

Internationals

Many top overseas internationals and First Division players will be playing ther first competetive match in this country.

● APIA will again be fielding their brightest acquisition ever, South African and Kilmarnock inside-forward, Vernon Wentzell; and those of you who saw Wentzell "dominate" the APIA — Balgownie first round match last week will no doubt be keen to see him again.

APIA officials also assure us that their other new players, John Bryce and Peter Dowd, are likely to make their debut on that night.

● Hakoah's new Israeli internationals, 22-year-old Raffi Levy and Moshe Ghaldi, 25, will also be making their bow to the Sydney public.

Levy is regarded as one of Israel's best forwards ever..

He scored the two goals which enabled his country to defeat highly-rated Yugoslavia in the elimination round of the World Cup this year.

Hakoah will be fielding a team in which every member is a top class overseas First Division player or even an international.

With stars like Heinz Wenzl, Adolf Blutsch, Adolf Handorf, Jock Aird, Karl Jaros, Peter Hrncir, Jules Forgacs, Victor Mach and the two Israelis, Hakoah's team is a veritable galaxy.

● Polonia-N. S., the product of amalgamation between Polonia and First Division NSEPT, is perhaps, the least known of the top Sydney teams at present.

However their forward line must rate as one of the very best in Sydney, with centre-forward Joseph Galeczka probably Sydney's most consistently brilliant ball-player.

Galeczka's perfect understanding with former Malayan international, Johnny Wong, and Polish First Division stars Pilot (left wing) and Czubala (inside right) will be one of the highlights next Friday night.

Six more

The club is expecting six first class Polish players and might even field some of them next Friday if they arrive in time.

● Pan Hellenic has the following which warrants a top-class team and officials seem to be striving for that.

They have brought from Greece one of that contry's top centre-halves, Evagelios Mavroupoulos, who starred against France in 1959.

Two other First Division players came with Mavroupoulos — Yakomadis, a forward, and Mertapoulous, a half.

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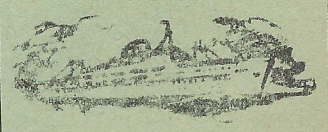

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TEAMS PROVE VITAL POINT

Most of those who saw last week's Ampol Cup match between Auburn and Bankstown must have been pleasantly surprised.

The standard was particularly high and the game attractive.

● Auburn and Bankstown proved an important point: Australian clubs are quite capable of matching the more glamorous teams of this State.

Admittedly, both Auburn and Bankstown have embarked lately on a team building policy that has brought them several good players.

● Both are determined not to be outclassed and to prove that Australian talent, combined with the experience of newcomers, can and will produce results.

Other old-established local teams should take heed of this example.

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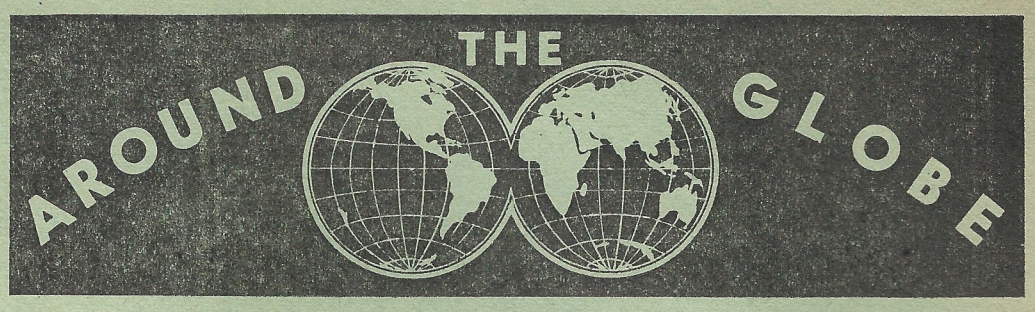

EUROPEAN CUP

Even though the quarter-finals have not yet been completed in the European Cup, the draw was made last week for the semi-finals.

The winner of the Barcelona-Karlovec encounter will meet the winner of the Hamburg-Burnley match and the winner of Benfica Lisbon versus GF Aarhus will play the winner of Rapid versus Malmo FF.

We expect Barcelona to meet Burnley and Benfica to meet Rapid for the right to play in the final, which, now that Rome has withdrawn as a venue, will be played at Berne on May 31.

SPAIN

Real Madrid's fabulous centre-half, Uruguay-born Santamaria has signed a new three-year contract with the club.

Most of the team's stars are under contract and receive new signing-on fees regularly.

The club's new acquisition, Agne Simmonsson, has played only one match with the first team so far and is reported to be on the transfer list as his game does not blend with the team.

YUGOSLAVIA

The brilliant Yugoslav goalkeeper, Vladimir Beara, aged 32, changed his mind about playing in Holland and decided to join the Aachen club, Alemannia, in 1962.

While playing soccer Beara will study TV engineering at Aachen.

His transfer will cost £7000 most of which will go to his present club, Red Star Belgrade.

HUNGARY

Hungary's 1960 champion side, Ujpest, is heading for another league title, having a five-point lead over their closest rivals, Vasas.

Ujpest, once of the oldest professional clubs in Hungary, regularly provide Gorocs, Sovari, Kuharszky, Rajna, Torok and Varhidy in Hungary's "A" and "B" international teams.

FRANCE

France's most famous soccer club, Reims, is unlikely to win the league title.

Their brilliant forward Raymond Kopa has lost much of his dash and punch since his operation, while another star forward, Just Fontaine, broke his leg recently, for the second time in one year.

One great relief for Reims, however, was the decision of a third star forward, Piantoni, who wanted to go to Uruguay, to remain with his club.

BELGIUM

One of the youngest national teams in Europe is Belgium where the average age of the players is 22.6 years.

The baby of the side is 17 year-old centre forward, Paul Van Himst of Anderlecht, who has played in four full internationals so far.

The oldest player of the team is 26 year-old left half, Martin Lippens, also of Anderlecht.

The club provides six players for the national team.

ITALY

Despite its respectable lead of three points, many experts feel that Italy's famous Internazionale club will not win the league championship.

Both, Juventus and AC Milan, are reputedly strong finishers while Inter, in the past, often wilted towards the end of the season.

Should Juventus snatch the title from their great rivals, it would be their 12th league championship since their foundation.

CENTRAL CUP

A Central European Cup Tournament will be held next Summer.

Countries participating will be Austria, Yugoslavia, West and East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

As Hungary and Italy have declared themselves unable to play they have been replaced by Sweden and Holland.

Switzerland still has to decide whether it will take part as, at that period, its two top club sides, Grasshoppers and Young Boys Berne, will be touring South Africa and the Far Eeast.

At least 50% of the Swiss national team is drawn from these two clubs.

COMPETITION POINTS

AUSTRIA: 1. Austria 24, 2. WAC 21, 3. Vienna 19, 4. GAK 18, 5. Sportclub 18, 6. Rapid 18.

BELGIUM: 1. Anderlecht 30, 2. FC Luttich 30, 3. Standard 30, 4.Daring 29, 5. Aalst 24, 6. Beerschot 23.

HOLLAND: 1. Feyenoord 32, 2. Aj. Amsterd. 30, 3. NAC Breda 27, 4. VV Venlo 25.

HUNGARY: 1. Ujpest 26, 2. Vasas 21, 3. Ferencvaros 20, 4. Salgotarjan 20, 5. MTK 18, 6. Szeged 18.

ITALY: 1. Inter 35, 2. Juventus 32, 3. AC Milan 29, 4. AS Rome 29, 5. Catania 27, 6. Florence 25.

SPAIN: 1. Real Madrid 44, 2. AC Madrid 33, 3. FC Barcelona 28, 4. AC Bilbao 27, 5. Saragossa 26, 6. Valencia 25.

SWITZERLAND: 1. Servette 26, 2. FC Zurich 20, 3. Ch. d. Fonds 19, 4. Young Boys 18, 5. Grasshoppers 18, 6. Y. Fellows 17.

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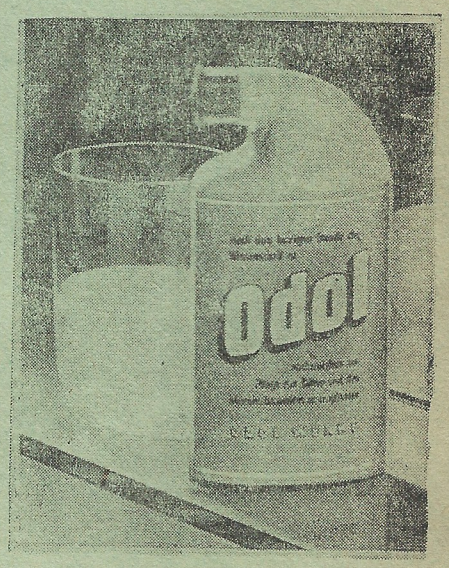

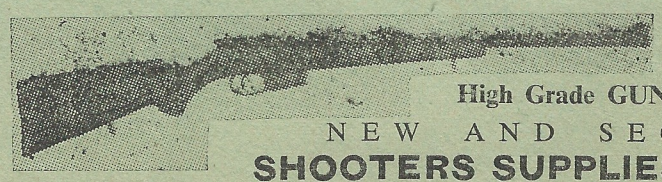

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'Grounds' for anxiety

By PAUL BARCLAY

What better grounds for complaints about Sydney soccer than the grounds it is played on.

There are grounds for fears that soccer enthusiasts must have holes in the head to watch football played on holes in the ground.

But it would be a great mistake to think they are clods who can be ground into the dirt.

The following observations on grounds were given us by a much-travelled worm:

E. S. MARKS FIELD. Probably the best of the lot and affording a good view of the match to all spectators — in fine weather.

It can hold a large crowd, most of whom often get wet.

WENTWORTH PARK. Uniquely combines total lack of visibility with total discomfort.

It can also hold a lot of people, none of whom are able to sit down or see the football.

There is shelter from the rain.

If you stand under the roof, however, you not only obstruct the view of those 50 football-maniacs who arrived at dawn to claim the seats, but also add the pillars to the dogtrack lights as further obstructions. Has football gone to the dogs?

LAMBERT PARK, is beautifully grassed.

The grandstand is very comfortable, if you can get to Leichhardt just after breakfast.

For the rest of the spectators the players are, if anything, too close for comfort, providing an endless vista of hairy legs and agonised faces.

This ground will surely burst at the seams this season.

ARLINGTON OVAL has the biggest grandstand, and this is usually filled with the families of the Canterbury boys — mainly women who knit during the match.

In wet weather the field becomes a sea of mud, which threatens one day to engulf Jimmy Moore.

GLADESVILLE OVAL is ideal for mountaineer-footballers who can play uphill as well as downhill.

Why don't they import some Swiss players?

The grandstand is virtually an historic relic of convict days and should be preserved as a national landmark.

The oval can hold any size crowd as long as it is under 3000.

CRICKET GROUND No. 2. is build in a crazy diagonal shape with the grandstand behind a cornerflag.

NORTH SYDNEY OVAL. Would be good if it were available. (This applies to many other grounds).

MAC ARTHUR PARK. Would be very good indeed if it had a large grandstand, a well-grassed "hill", a smooth playing surface and a few other minor luxuries. The goal-posts, however, are quite adequate.

☆ ☆ ☆

We trust all clubs will accept this article in the spirit it is written, as it does not intend to reflect on any of them.

The difficulties clubs are having with councils in trying to improve grounds is fully realised.

Let us hope the day is not far distant when grounds will become grounds for congratulations.

"UNKNOWN SOLDIERS" OF SOCCER

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Last Sunday I accidentally stumbled on some of them.

The venue was, the well-kept ground of the Swedish Sailor's Recreation Ground at Ryde.

About 60 boys, from the age of 8 to about 16, were milling around on the field in colorful jerseys.

Then the "blues" and the "reds" lined up for a match and the others settled down on the sidelines to watch.

On the embankment sat scores of mothers sipping tea and watching their yelling, running, kicking sons.

The boys were from the Marsfield club, a member of the Gladesville-Hornsby Junior Association.

And the men in charge were Secretary C. A. Follington and Glasgow-born coach, Jock McLaughlan.

Soccer in Australia can't go wrong as long as we have hundreds of such clubs and men.

PAUL DEAN

Newcastle scene

GETTING READY FOR COMING SEASON

By PAUL MACKENZIE

Northern soccer enthusiasts have watched with much interest, the team building efforts of Southern clubs for the new season and wish they could match it.

But, if money talks all languages, Northern clubs are apparently almost dumb when compared to wealthy Southern clubs.

There was, last season, confidence that the North's teams could hold their own with their Southern counterparts but, there must now be some revision of that belief.

That is not to say that such tests of strength would not be welcomed but it seems that, from a point of quality, the South has the edge on the North. But that won't be for long.

Adamstown and Wallsend Clubs have the direct support of their licensed social clubs but these are, when all is said and done, only now getting properly under way.

Their real part in the scheme of football will not be felt for a year or so yet.

Some others of the North's top clubs have ideas of securing a licence but the remainder will have to make do with what support they can muster by more mundane finance-gathering means.

There are remarkably few newcomers to Northern football and few club-to-club transfers.

Most of the clubs will rely to a greater extent than for some years on locally-produced juniors, who have come up through the grades from their schooldays but, whose potential, far outstrips their experience.

This could, however, yet prove a worthwhile move.

It is, in fact, the only one some of the clubs not well placed financially can make.

The new competition will be confined to 10 teams, Merewether and Charleston United having been relegated to Second Division.

This will reduce the premiership from 22 to 18 weeks.

Most interesting of the pre-competition happenings is Adamstown's approach to Don Revie, the former English international now with Leeds United.

Should Revie come to Adamstown it will be as player only.

Tommy Dawson, who won an English Cup medal with Charlton Athletic when it defeated Burnley at Wembley in 1947 and, who came to Adamstown as a coach last year, will remain in his position.

Ron Hawkshaw, formerly of APIA, has signed with Adamstown, while Kevin O'Neill, is back with Cessnock.

Brian Lewsam, who played with Gladesville last season, has returned to his old club, Mayfield United.

Alf Skelly, one of the North's best cricketers and one of its most promising inside forwards, has also returned to Mayfield after a season with West Wallsend.

The Daniels Cup competition, from which proceeds go to school and junior football, will be played during the Easter vacation period and the League championship will begin on April 15.

Trial fixtures and early Cup matches have produced some young players with enough promise to give hope for their future, while some of the older brigade have done no worse than expected and will undoubtedly improve as the weeks go by.

Perhaps, next week will bring a budget of happenings; if so, they will be recounted in "Soccer World".

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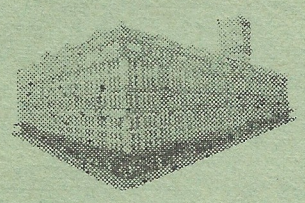

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3 Left back R. McLELLAND
4 Right half S. COUSINS
5 Centre half R. DUFF
6 Left half A. HENDERSON
8 Inside right R. HALL
10 Inside left G. CLYDESDALE
7 Outside right K. DINGWALL
9 Centre forward L. QUESTED
11 Outside left R. BAKER

B. SALISBURY 11 Outside left
J. WARREN 9 Centre forward
J. MOORE 7 Outside right
J. AMIGO 10 Inside left
B. SMITH 8 Inside right
D. BROWN 6 Left half
J. CURRY 5 Centre half
J. WATKISS 4 Right half
E. JONES 3 Left back
T. NORTH 2 Right back
R. BROWN 1 Goal

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RESULTS OF TRIAL GAMES

Budapest v. Prague 2:1.

APIA v. Auburn 4:2.

Polonia-North Side v. Bankstown 2:1.

Canterbury v. Adamstown 3:2.

South Coast United v. Gladesville 2:1.

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah 3:1.

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Prague v. Budapest

REFEREE: J. IPENBURG
LINESMEN: A. CARTER, G. NIELSON

PRAGUE

1 Goal R. LORD
2 Right back J. BOND
3 Left back S. SHERWIN
4 Right half W. TAMANDL
5 Centre half E. NINAUS
6 Left half L. SCHEINFLUG
8 Inside right A. SAGHI
10 Inside left A. JEFFREY
7 Outside right E. SCHWARTZ
9 Centre forward H. NINAUS
11 Outside left R. SHEEN

I. MAGONY 11 Outside left
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J. VASVARY 8 Inside right
G. WEGMANN 6 Left half
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S. TSOMBARAS 2 Right back
Z. GREGORIC 1 Goal

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FOLLOW YOUR TEAM THROUGH AMPOL SERIES

Canterbury — CANTERBURY 4—1 (February 24)
Granville

Auburn — AUBURN 2—0 (March 10)
Bankstown

E. S. MARKS FIELD, March 17

Hakoah — HAKOAH 3—0 (March 3)
Gladesville

Pan Hellenic — BYE

SPORTS GROUND, March 24

SEMI-FINAL, SPORTS GROUND, April 5 (Wednesday Night)

Prague — PRAGUE 5—1 (February 24)
South Coast

Budapest — BUDAPEST 3—2 (March 3)
Syd. Austral

E. S. MARKS FIELD, March 17

A.P.I.A. — A.P.I.A. 3—0 (March 10)
Balgownie

Polonia - N.S. — BYE

SPORTS GROUND, March 24

SEMI-FINAL, SPORTS GROUND, April 5 (Wednesday Night)

FINAL, SPORTS GROUND, April 9 (Sunday Afternoon)

PLAY-OFF, 3rd AND 4th PLACE

SO FAR in the Ampol Cup series a total of 24 goals have been scored, an average of four goals per match or two goals per team.

LAST SEASON in the first Ampol Cup matches the scoring was more prolific: 34 goals were scored, that is an average of 5.6 goals a match or 2.8 goals per team.

QUESTION of the week: Have the defences improved or are the forwards weaker?

LAST YEAR in the Ampol Cup — Balgownie. Sydney Austral, Corrimal, Auburn, Granville and Bankstown were eliminated in the first round.

THIS YEAR all but Auburn again bowed out of the tournament before the second round was reached.

Results and details at a glance

Players are given numbers ranging from 1 to 6 as follows 1 = poor; 2 = mediocre; 3 = average; 4 = good; 5 = excellent; 6 = outstanding; no award to sent-off-players.

RESULT & SCORES	HOW THEY LINED UP AND PLAYED	SUMMING UP THE MATCHES
AUBURN 2 (0) R. Baker (38 min.), L. Quested (69 min.). **BANKSTOWN 0 (0)**	W. HENDERSON 4, F. VAN GAALEN 5, R. Mc LELLAND 3, S. COUSINS 4, R. DUFF 3, A. HENDERSON 3, K. DINGWALL 2, R. HALL 4, L. QUESTED 5, G. CLYDESDALE 3, R. BAKER 3. **TOTAL: 39** G.DE VRIES 3, W. WESTWATER 3, R. JENNINGS 3, A. REID 3, R. MADDEN 4, K. WOODS 3, B. WAINWRIGHT 3, A. HETHERINGTON 3, T. YATES 4, J. RIVER 3, K. PHILLIP 3. **TOTAL: 36** **Referee: N. VIDLER**	Both teams played good soccer and, Auburn ran out the winners mainly because they had two outstanding players that night. Len Quested played one of his best night games ever and newly acquired full-back, F. Van Gaalen, was a tower of strength in defence. These two and talented Scot, Gordon Clydesdale, appear to be the back-bone of a team which will play an interesting role this season. Quested "master-minded" every Auburn attack. Bankstown tried all the way but failed in front of goal. Their forwards, with the exception of T. Yates, were out of touch and rarely worried Auburn's rear guard.
A.P.I.A. 3 (0) V. Wentzell (44 min., and 63 min.), P. Tonini (55 min.). **BALGOWNIE 0 (0)**	J. DE FRANCESCO 4, L. STEDMAN 3, F. BOTALICCO 3, M. SVORENICH 4, J. MARSTON 4, J. HARRIS 4, A. MARSHALL 3, V. WENTZELL 5, B. MORROW 3, P. HUGHES 3, P. TONINI 3. **TOTAL: 39** W. TISHKAN 5, H. VANDERKOOL 4, T. BEENCKE 3, T. BRANIGAN 3, J. GRANT 3, A. GARIPOLI 3, J. EVANS 2, W. McKINNON 3, N. RYAN 3, B. DAVIDSON 4, A. EVANS 2. **TOTAL: 35** **Referee: K. LOCKREY**	Balgownie surprised by holding last year's runners-up to a scoreless first half. It took a brilliant goal by Wentzell to break the ice. It was all APIA from then on but Balgownie did have some very dangerous breakaways which could have resulted in, at least, one goal. Wentzell impressed in his first competitive match and proved one of Sydney's most useful players. It looks asif the whole APIA forward-line will revolve around the nippy South African. APIA's defence was its usual, reliable, self. Balgownie did much better than expected and must be well to the fore in the race for First Division promotion this season.

Great night forecast for quarter-finals

By LOU GAUTIER

With the first round matches over, the Ampol Cup is well and truly under way and fans will be in for some wonderful football in the next four weeks.

Tonight's matches should satisfy the most fastidious "Connoisseur" with the 1959 Champions, the 1960 Premiers and the Ampol Holders holding the stage.

The early match should be a close tussle between arch-rivals .Auburn .and Canterbury and any match between these two teams is always a lively affair.

In the late game Australia's "glamour" team, Prague will field, for the first time in a competetive match, former English sensation, Alick Jeffrey and, Fulham player, Johnny Bond.

Their opponents, Budapest, can play some of the prettiest football in Sydney when in form, and Prague will, no doubt, remember that last year Budapest defeated them very convincingly in the very same series.

So, Prague has a score to settle with Budapest, and the latter are more than keen to retain "their" trophy — which should all add up to a great night's entertainment by four top clubs.

Auburn - Canterbury

Canterbury, a slow starter every season, faces an arduous task when opposed to traditionnal rivals, Auburn.

Auburn's 2—0 win last week was far more convincing than Canterbury's second-half victory over Granville.

Canterbury has always found it hard to overcome Auburn.

If the sensational Smith, one of last season's top Sydney players, is anywhere near his Baumgartner-inspired form, then the Berries can be relied on to exert great pressure on the Auburn defence.

However, Franz Van Gaalen is an invaluable gain for Auburn and with him in defence goalie Henderson must feel safer than ever.

With Len Quested, improving with age like a good vintage wine, Auburn will be formidable in attack and now, that Clydesdale has joined the forward-line, this department plays attractive, short-passing, football.

Canterbury are not functioning smoothly yet, and coach Adrigan has a king size job before the side can recapture some of last year's glamour.

John Watkiss will again be depended upon to bear the brunt of both attack and defence.

Canterbury full-backs, Jones and North, will have to be on their toes to check "Twinkle toes" Len Quested, Bobby Hall and Gordon Clydesdale, whose ball control is well above average.

Last season's results: 3:6 and 4:0 for Auburn in the competition proper. Canterbury won the Premiership semi-final 2:0 and the Ascot semi 3:2.

MY FORECAST: AUBURN to win.

Prague - Budapest

Budapest, their morale boosted by a prestige-building trial match win last Sunday night, will be all out to repeat last season's Ampol semi-final win.

Their chances must be high as Prague has always experienced difficulty when playing Budapest, a good Cup team.

Budapest will field their sensational new Yugoslav goalie, Gregoric.

Galambos and Schauman form one of Sydney's most talented — and dangerous — attacking tandems and newcomer Magony, is no mean ball player either.

With a tigerish defence spearheaded by Tsombaras and Pompor Budapest is well equipped to topple Prague once again.

Prague, naturally, will have totally different ideas and the players to back them.

Their defence is still among the very best in the code.

Alick Jeffrey will be all the better for his first "outing"; he showed enough flashes of brilliance to prove that he will be a big asset when he settles down.

But Prague will again be relying on goal-getter, Herbert Ninaus, to score.

Ninaus only played one half in last week's trial and with him in their line-up for seventy minutes Prague should be a different proposition.

Highlight of the match will be Galambos' clash with centre half, Erwin Ninaus, and the way the panther-like Gregoric will try to keep a clean slate against Prague's deadly shooting forwards.

Last season's matches: 3:1 and 4:0 for Prague in Premiership matches. 4:2 for Budapest in Ampol semi-final.

MY FORECAST: PRAGUE to win.

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Victorian Round-up

From L. K. STONE

George Cross defeated Polonia 3—2 after extra time at the Showground last Friday night in the Ampol Semi Final.

The winners will now meet JUST in the Final on Friday.

Despite a cold, wet night, more than 5,000 spectators were present to see George Cross come from behind to win after extra time.

Polonia I thought, used poor tactics by playing only four forwards, yet they came close to winning.

It was only in the closing minutes that George Cross equalised.

Goal scorers for George Cross were: Abella, L. Vella and Hodgson. Polonia's goals were scored by Gamaj and Szygalski.

McKenna of George Cross was the best player on the field, with Polonia's Jurecki not far behind.

Juventus Sydney visit

Melbourne's Juventus Club can always rise to the occasion and, although unpredictable so far this season, I have no doubt that they will impress Sydney crowds with their attractive brand of soccer.

They have many good players and team spirit is high.

The club has two very sound custodians in Penzo and Colla.

Right fullback is the experienced and hard tackling captain Picinich.

Left back position rests with reliable Zavitero or veteran Marini.

The half-back line is considered one of the toughest in the State and consists of Gulin, Frangioni (or Del Fabro) and Englishman Griggs.

Bottari, a very talented utility player, could also be in the reckoning.

The forward line is well balanced.

Outside right Accunzo, a polished winger; inside-right master tactician, Pepe Cubero, on his day a potential match winner; centre forward Barbazza has good ball control and a body swerve that confuses the defence.

On the left wing the industrious Pagotto, an enterprising winger with a terrific shot.

Other probable players are Dorazio and Fiorvante.

I feel that Penzo, Griggs, Cubero and Barbazza will be the favourites with Sydney spectators.

RADIO AND T.V. COVER

Soccer's Radio and T.V. coverage has grown hand in hand with increased Press space.

The Federation has set up a Public Relations Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr A. Craig and this organisation has secured the following Radio and TV programmes for soccer fans.

Regular broadcasts will be heard:

- Each Friday 7.30 p.m. on 2UW with Ray Connelly.
- Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. with Tiger Black.
- Each Friday on 2FC at 6.30 p.m. with Martin Royal.

Fans will also be catered for on T.V.

- TCN features soccer on Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. and on Ron Casey's "World of Sport" at 2 p.m. on Sundays.
- That same Channel will feature George Gunston every Monday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. during the Ampol series.
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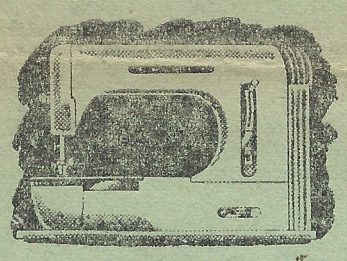

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Misleading merger report

Recently, an article appearred in the Parramatta Mail written by Mr Noel Cardwell.

It says that there was a last minute effort to amalgamate Granville and Auburn soccer clubs this season.

As the President of Auburn Soccer Club I wish to state, that it is not true and the writer has been misinformed.

The executive of Granville have also written a letter to Auburn refuting such statements.

The harmony existing between Auburn and Granville clubs is unquestioned and will continue to enjoy a happy association.

Outstanding remarks in the writer's reasoning is the fact that the Federation Management Committee would be in favour of such an amalgamation.

The fact is — they are completely unaware of the possibility of any such amalgamation.

The writer goes further to say that Auburn has refused point blank to discuss the matter, yet, Auburn received a letter from Granville that they are in no way concerned by the said article which appearred in the "Parramatta Mail".

Johnny Phillips, Auburn Soccer Club.

Invitation

On behalf of the Smithfield Hotspurs Soccer Club, per medium of your excellent paper, could you help me to arrange social games during the forthcoming season, for our juniors and senior teams, on the home and away basis, country teams more than welcome.

D. V. Merrifield, 10 King Rd., Fairfield West.

Not too much

We cannot expect too much to soon but it looks as though the old story of inaccurate shooting in front of goal is going to mar soccer again this season.

A team could get the ball down one end just once and win 1—0.

How much time do the coaches give to this important aspect of the code?

The public wants to see clever moves and clean football.

C. W. Green, Leichhardt.

It is not done

Last Sunday week I witnessed something I had never thought possible.

A player scored a goal from what might, yet might not, have been an offside position.

The linesman did not signal offside; the referee awarded a goal.

On the way back to the centre to restart the game, players of the team the goal was scored against, talked the referee out of it and he changed his decision on their say so.

J. Minz, Balgownie.

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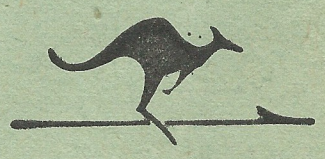

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FAMOUS CLUB TEAMS - No. 1

JUVENTUS (Italy) - Golden boys of Europe

Starting with this feature, SOCCER WORLD will publish regularly full length portraits of some of the most famous club teams of the world.

In future issues you will read about Reims (France), Manchester United (England), Ferencvaros (Hungary), Wismut (E. Germany), Servette (Switzerland) and dozens of others.

Space permitting, this series will be a regular feature of our newspaper throughout the season.

Backed by a multi-millionaire industrialist and a fanatical crowd in their home city of Turin, Juventus have had more success than any other Italian soccer club.

FC Juventus are fortunate enough to be the favorite passion of Umberto Agnelli, 26-year old head of the family that owns the famous Fiat works.

Consequently, Juventus today lacks nothing that can be bought.

The Agnelli family has been closely associated with the club since the 1930's when Umberto's father, Eduardo Agnelli, was the club's president.

During that fabulous era the team won the Italian championship five years running.

Juventus was founded in 1897 by a handful of students and named Sport Club Juventus.

However, two years later they renamed the club FC Juventus and the club has been known as such ever since.

In the early years of Italian football the top-dogs were Genoa and AC Milan.

However, by 1905 Juventus cracked this double-monopoly by winning the league title and interrupting the great success of Genoa Cricket and Football Club that gave them the league honours six times in the first seven years.

Since then Juventus has always played a dominant part in Italian soccer, having won the league title in 1905, 1926, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1950, 1952, 1958, and 1960.

On top of it all, they won the Italian Cup in 1938, 1942, 1959 and 1960.

By Paul Dean

As a recognition of their tremendous success, in 1958, the year when they won their 10th league championship, the Italian Football Association granted permission to Juventus to wear a golden star above the badge on the left breast of their players' shirts.

Despite its present-day brilliance, the peak of their fame was reached in the 1930's when they won the title five times in as many years.

In that span Juventus played a total of 166 matches, won 115, drew 30, lost 21 and scored 384, registering a mere 151 goals against.

In those years Juventus could boast of having the cream of Italian soccer in their teams.

When Italy defeated Hungary 1:0 in Budapest in October 1933, no less than nine Juventus players were included in that team.

When, in 1934, Italy won the World title, the club provided eight players who took part in one or more games of the tournament.

Among the immortal stars of that team few were greater than goalkeeper Giampiero Combi who retired with 47 internationals behind him and is still regarded as one of the greatest ever.

Full-backs Rosetta and Caligaris and the famous left wing pair of Ferrari and Orsi, had, between them, played, 189 times for Italy.

Juventus have always been among the biggest spenders and in the past 10 years have had some of the world's finest players in their team, including Ricagni and Vairo (Argentina), Colella (Brazil), Palmer and Hamrin (Sweden), Brone and Praest (Denmark) and others.

Despite their periodical success, at home and a star-studded team, Juventus have fared badly in the European Cup.

Twice they entered as Italy's champions and twice they were eliminated in the first round.

The present team of Juventus includes many famous international stars such as Boniperti, Cervato, Colombo, Sarti, Nicole, Stacchini, More and Stivanello who have all played for Italy.

However, the greatest guns are Argentinian Enrico Sivori and Welshman, John Charles.

These two, between them, scored more than 50 league goals last season and, when fit, make up one of the best soccer partnership, of the world.

At the moment Juventus are three points behind Milan.

What with the Fiat fortune and a fervently passionate crowd behind them and a superb team at their disposal, the task of pegging back Inter seems well within their capacity.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

PAN HELLENIC officials cannot praise highly enough the hospitality shown by the Wallsend club during their recent trial game.

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ANOTHER of Bankstown's English players goes to the altar tomorrow, Saturday, March 18.

This time it is fullback, Arnold Jennings, who marries Miss Helen Wacor of Adelaide.

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A RECORD number of 110 teams have entered this year's Illawarra Junior Association competition.

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LAST Sunday, at Wentworth Park, Hakoah new players, Raffi Levy and Moshe Chaldi, presented referee, Bill Jameson, with an Israeli referee badge.

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AUBURN inside left, Gordon Clydesdale, is finding it difficult in getting acclimatised to the Australian weather after the Canadian winter.

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BALGOWNIE forward, Tom McWatters, was married to a Coogee girl, Miss Norla Evenson, last Saturday.

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CORINTHIAN'S 21-year-old inside forward, Brian McLaughlin, represented Ireland on four occasions.

He played for John Curry's old club, Distillery.

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COLIN KENNARD (son of William Kennard, donor of the Kennard Cup), who recently left Australia for U.S.A. for research work at Cornell University, has announced his engagement to June Castle, of Vaucluse.

Colin is Vice-president of the University of NSW Soccer Club.

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CHARLIE THOMPSON, a former Englishman, whose name mentioned in soccer circles in the North still brings a welter of "Do your remember", died on Monday.

A Durham man, Charlie Thompson was a mighty player, who turned out regularly with Weston and Cessnock in the 1930's.

He would have been 62 last Thursday.

EINAR PERSEN

DR. SEAMONDS: "Blessing in disguise"

Last Sunday afternoon, while most fans were at various trial matches, Federation Chairman, Dr. H. Seamonds, was hard at work.

The place: Channel 9's studio. The subject: soccer.

Dr. Seamonds was interviewed by sportscaster Ron Casey.

Some of his comments:

Television: "...At present we couldn't afford to have our matches televised live because we need the support at the gates.

Later this may be revised in some way..."

FIFA suspension: "...This may be a blessing in disguise as it gives Australia a chance to establish soccer firmly...

"We would not be in the position to pay high transfer fees for overseas players as yet...

"Indications are, however, that the FIFA may soon readmit Australia, anyway..."

Rugby's rivalry: "...We are not in opposition to either Rugby League or any other code but try to make soccer the most attractive of them all..."

Both Dr. Seamonds and Ron Casey deserve a vote of thanks; the "Doc" for representing soccer case so capably and Ron, for putting the interview on his popular Sunday afternoon programme.

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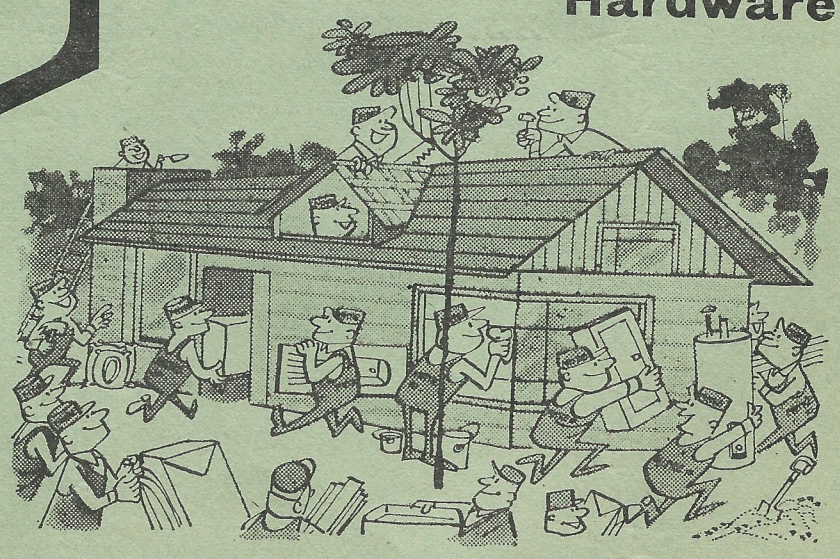

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from the sidelines

by Tad Targ

TWO ENDS OF A BARGAIN

A club official, a very good friend of mine, was running in circles in the official enclosure for the duration of an Ampol Cup match.

Running up, down and about he complained continuously about the referee, upsetting everyone around.

This is an obvious sign, that the grind of competitive football has affected his nerves and he should take immediate rest from soccer.

I hope that he will do so for his own sake.

In the meantime — let's draw a conclusion.

After stating a siple fact, that we do, indeed, have got bad referees we shall, immediately, devise a (psychiatric) cure:

Let us learn to live with them!

And, let the referees look after the other end of the bargain.

I am sure they are, and will be, doing their best to improve.

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IN A LITTLE SPANISH TOWN

A young, bright man arrived from Europe a few weeks ago to start a new life here.

A goalkeeper back home, he decided to try his luck in Sydney.

Ha talked one First Division club into giving him a trial and appeared in it's first team line-up last Sunday.

To cut a long story short, the club "bosses" still wonder whether he is, or is not, a good goalie.

In 45 minutes he only had three chances to hold the ball in his hands.

And, when he held it for the last time, an opposing player "changed" him, full speed, elbows and all.

Not having "played" this type of "game" before, the kid didn't know what happened to him, except that, at half time, he had to be taken to hospital to have his eybrow stitched.

Well, I'll tell you what happened, boy, I'll tell you.

You made one, fatal mistake.

You shouldn't have worn that bright red sweater of yours.

It attracts them, you know . . .

So you think you know soccer? No.4/II

By R. E. FEREE

The lighting in night soccer plays tricks on players and sometimes even on the referees, to whom nearly all players look alike when he concentrates on the game.

This can cause a strange situation, with a decision taken out of the hands of the arbiter and placed in someone else's lap as you may gather from the following hypothetical situation.

A game "under the stars" is in progress at the newly lit E.S. Marks Field, between Sydney Austral and Canterbury.

Referee Leo WILSON has been appointed to the game and he is controllingg it successfully with the score at 0—0.

In the last few seconds of play, the ball is kicked towards the Sydney Austral side where centreforward, J. Amigo of Canterbury, gathers it and shoots for goal.

A Sydney Austral player, who appears to be one of the full-backs, catches the ball within his own penalty area.

Referee Wilson points to the penalty spot.

The kick is taken by J. Amigo and he scores.

Before there is time to restart the game the final whistle is blown.

As the players are leaving the field, right-half W. Vrolyks informs the referee that the full-back who handled the ball was in fact, I. Popov, the original goalkeeper, who, because of an injury and due to the impending termination of the game, had without permission changed places and uniforms with his team-mate, full-back J. Rozendaal.

This is certainly a rare predicament for an arbiter to be in, but if you were in his place would you have found a solution as described in the answer?

ANSWER: Referee L. Wilson could do nothing at that stage but go home and tell his wife to start growing carrots in their backyard to improve his night vision.

Putting jokes aside, taking the Law as it stands, the goal could not count, because until the referee has been informed officially of the switchover the mere transfer of uniforms and places by players themselves does not constitute a legal change.

However, the referee did report the matter to the Federation for its decision as to whether the game would have to be replayed or otherwise.

Referees campaign

Sydney referees are doing all they can to improve and, in spite of the, sometimes unfounded charges levelled at them, are doing a fine job.

Here are some phases of the "Referees' Betterment Campaign":

● Physical Education classes are held weekly at the Sydney High School Gymnasium.

Mr Thomas is in charge and after initial training members will form themselves into district groups.

● **An instrtruction was given to every member of the Referees Association to tighten up on all phases of the rules.**

● The Referees' Appointment Board was also approached so that only the best refefees will be entrusted with the major games — a move welcomed by all fans.

SUNDAY TRIALS

APIA v. PRAGUE
E. S. Marks Field, 3.30 p.m.

APIA

G. de Francesco; L. Stedman, F. Bottalico; M. Svorenich, J. Marston, J. Harris; A. Marshall, V. Wentzell, B. Morrow, P. Hughes, P. Tonini.

PRAGUE

R. Lord; J. Bond, S. Sherwin; W. Tamandl, E. Ninaus, L. Scheinflug; E. Schwartz, A. Jeffrey, H. Ninaus, A. Saghi, R. Sheen.

POLONIA N.S. v. AUBURN
MacArthur Park, 3.30 p.m.

POLONIA N.S.

T. Kohler; C. Bowley, A. Ringland; D. Rosa, S. Szklarek, M. Walker; A. Serafin, G. Czubala, J. Galeczka, J. Wong, W. Pilot.

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W. Henderson; F. van Gaalen, R. McLelland; S. Cousins, R. Duff, A. Henderson; R. Dingwall, R. Hall, L. Quested, B. Clydesdale, R. Baker.

HAKOAH v. JUVENTUS
Wentworth Park, 3.00 p.m.

HAKOAH

H. Wenzl; J. Aird, D. Lapwood; A. Blutsch, A. Handorf, M. Chaldi; P. Hrncir, W. Hume, R. Levi, J. Forgacs, K. Jaros.

JUVENTUS (Melbourne)

Penzo (Colla); Picinich, Zavitero (Marini); Gulin, Frangioni (Del Fabro), Griggs; Accunzo, P. Cubero, Barbazza, Bresson, Pagotto (Dorazio, Fiorvante).

BANKST'N v. SUTHERL'D
Seymour Shaw Pk., Miranda

BANKSTOWN

G. de Vries; W. Westwater, L. Conroy; A. Reid, R. Madden, K. Woods; B. Wainwright, A. Heatherington, T. Yates, J. Rivers, K. Phillips.

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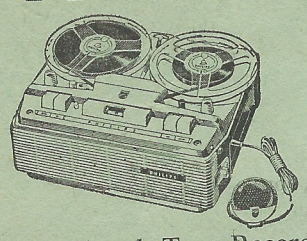

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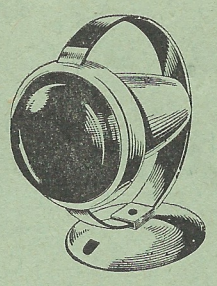

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